

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald W. Sonntag et al.
Appl. No.: 10/697,966
Filed: October 29, 2003
Docket No.: 1996
Title: **HOLD DOWN ASSEMBLY, WITH TUBULAR CONTAINER
TRANSPORT APPRATUS AND METHODOLOGY
INCORPORATING THE SAME**

Art Unit: 3721
Examiner:

Action: **TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b)**
Date: February 13, 2004

TO: Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing a power of attorney executed by the Assignee, Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc., and a statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b), including a copy of the assignment in reference to the above-identified patent application.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY J. MARTIN, P.C.



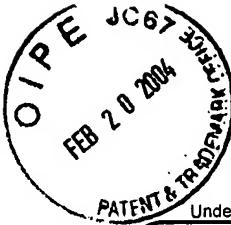
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Application Number	10/697,966
Filing Date	10/29/2003
First Named Inventor	Donald W. Sonntag et al.
Title	Hold Down Assembly, with Tubular Container Transport Apparatus and Method therefor incorporating the Same
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
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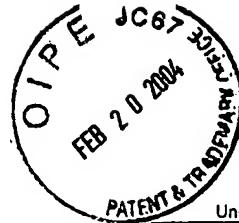
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Donald W. Sonntag et al./Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/697,966 Filed/Issue Date: October 29, 2003

Entitled: Hold Down Assembly, with Tubular Container Transport Apparatus and Methodology Incorporating the Same
Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc., a Corporation
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

11/10/03

Date

Brian Skeuse

Typed or printed name

Brian Skeuse

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Senior Vice-President

Title

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Donald W. Sonntag ("Sonntag") of 115 S. Windwood Drive, Carl Junction, Missouri 64834, Jack Johnson ("Johnson") of 848 Oak Crest Drive, Baxter Springs, Kansas 66713 and Randy Jones ("Jones") of RT. 4 Box 396E, Carthage, Missouri 64836 have invented and own a certain new and useful **HOLD DOWN ASSEMBLY, WITH TUBULAR CONTAINER TRANSPORT APPARATUS AND METHODOLOGY INCORPORATING THE SAME** for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed in the United States Patent Office, said application being identified as Docket Number 1996 in the files of the law offices of Timothy J. Martin, P.C.;

WHEREAS, Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc. ("Reagent"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a place of business located at 115 US Highway 202, Ringoes, New Jersey, 08551, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest therein and thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and certain other good and valuable consideration to Sonntag, Johnson and Jones in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Sonntag, Johnson and Jones by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Reagent, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, the aforesaid application and any and all applications derived therefrom (including but not limited to continuations, divisionals, continuations-in-part, continued prosecution applications (CPAs), and requests for continued examination applications (RCEs)), for the territory of the United States of America and for all foreign countries and to all Letters Patents and reissues thereof and extensions to be obtained therefor. Sonntag, Johnson and Jones further agree to cooperate with Reagent in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patents, but at the expense of Reagent. Reagent hereby acknowledges and accepts the sale, assignment and transfer of the same.

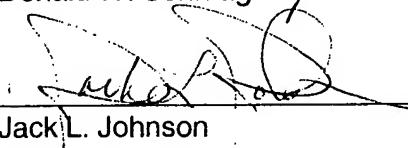
Sonntag, Johnson and Jones further hereby assign and agree to assign to Reagent the entire right, title and interest, domestic and foreign, which Sonntag, Johnson and Jones may have in any discoveries, improvements and inventions made, conceived or developed by Sonntag, Johnson and Jones in connection with the development of said invention and do further agree to execute all applications for patent, assignments and other appropriate documents and to perform all things necessary to make this Assignment effective and to perfect all right, title and interest in and to said discoveries, improvements or inventions in said Reagent. Reagent hereby acknowledges and accepts the assignment and agreement to assign the same.

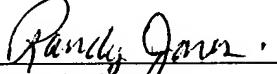
Sonntag, Johnson and Jones hereby authorizes and requests the law offices of Timothy J. Martin, P.C., to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/697,966, filed October 29, 2003) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

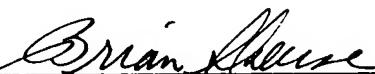
The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue the Letters Patent solely in accordance with the terms of this Assignment to Reagent, its successors, legal representatives and assigns of the entire right, title and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and affixed their seals on the respective date(s) set forth hereinafter.

Date: 11/6/03 By: 
Donald W. Sonntag

Date: 11/6/03 By: 
Jack L. Johnson

Date: 11/6/03 By: 
Randy Jones

Date: 11/10/03 By: 
Brian Skeuse, Senior Vice-President
Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF JASPER.) ss.
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Donald W. Sonntag, who is known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed this 6TH day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

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STATE OF MISSOURI)
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Jack L. Johnson, who is known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed this 4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Randy Jones, who is known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed this 4TH day of NOVEMBER, 2003.

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STATE OF New Jersey)
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Before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared Brian Skeuse, Senior Vice-President, Reagent Chemical & Research, Inc., who is known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed this 10th day of January, 2003.

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My Commission Expires:

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